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Markey Supports Changes to September 11th Victims Compensation

WASHINGTON, D.C. --

Representative Edward J Markey (D-MA) today released a letter to Kenneth Feinberg, the Special Master of the September 11th Victims Compensation Fund urging reconsideration of several sections of the interim final rule. Markey asked Special Master Feinberg to consider increasing non-economic compensatory damages, adjusting the formula for economic damages, clarifying the collateral offset rule, and refining the burden of proof required by beneficiaries who request a hearing to receive increased compensation. The rule is expected to be finalized in early February.

In the letter Markey emphasizes the need to carefully consider how best to fairly and fully compensate victims of September 11th through the Fund since Congress limited the airlines' liability with respect to the terrorist attacks potentially depriving victims of fair compensation through litigation. In addition, claimants of the fund are required to relinquish their right to sue.

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